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Helpful Information

An *acronym* is a word formed from the initial letters of a name or series of words. Listed below are some of the acronyms used by the Division of Mental Retardation Services.

AAMR	American Association on Mental Retardation
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADC.....	Adult Day Care
CAPA	Child Abuse Prevention Act
CBI.....	Community Based Instruction
EL.....	Early Intervention
HCBS.....	Home & Community Based Services Waiver
HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration
HMO.....	Health Maintenance Organization
ICF	Intermediate Care Facility
ICF/DD	Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled
ICF/MR.....	Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEP.....	Individual Education Plan
ISC.....	Independent Support Coordinator
ISP.....	Individualized Service Plan
LEA.....	Local Education Agency
LOC	Level of Care
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
MW	Medicaid Waiver
OT.....	Occupational Therapy
PT.....	Physical Therapy
QRP	Quality Review Panel
TDD	Telephone Device for the Deaf
VR.....	Vocational Rehabilitation

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A Night of Magic

The last day of August brought a special treat for a group of students at The King's Daughters' School in Columbia: their senior prom.

The prom, which was given the theme "A Night of Magic", was the first ever to take place at the school. Students at King's Daughters', a boarding school for children who have been diagnosed with mental retardation, worked over the summer in their vegetable garden to raise money for the prom.

Besides the money they raised working in very hot temperatures, students were lucky enough to have the support of Columbia residents and businesses. The community donated a wide variety of things from decorations to dresses to flowers. Students were even provided a limousine to take them the three blocks to where the prom was held.

Congratulations to both the students and the community who supported them in their "Night of Magic".

In Memory

Dr. James Armstrong (1944 - 2000)

Dr. James Armstrong, superintendent of Arlington Developmental Center, passed away on September 17, 2000 due to a heart attack.

Known for his compassion and an ability to get things done, Dr. Armstrong joined Arlington in September of 1998. Though he was there only two years, he was already living up to some very high expectations.

Dr. Armstrong leaves behind his wife of 34 years, Nancy, and a son. He will be sorely missed by all of those who knew him.

Conferences

Third Annual Consensus Conference On Behavioral and Mental Health Supports and Human Rights

April 3 - 5, 2001

Landers Plaza, Nashville, TN
For Additional Information call:
George Zukotynski (615) 532-6530

First Annual Independent Support Coordination Conference

March 7 & 8, 2001

Landers Plaza, Nashville, TN
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POLICY NUMBER	POLICY TITLE	CONTACT PERSON	EFFECTIVE DATE
DMRS-2000-81	Dev. Ctr. Incident Mgmt. and Abuse Investigations	Beard Burroughs	6/1/00

DRAFT POLICIES



POLICY NUMBER	POLICY TITLE	CONTACT PERSON	EFFECTIVE DATE
DMRS-2000-71 REVISED	Life Sustaining Treatment	Dwan Allen	11/1/00

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00-16	Hospice Services	Ruth Givens	9/18/00
00-17	Serious Abuse, Neglect & Mistreatment	Doug Burroughs	9/20/00
00-18	Oncology (Cancer) Follow- Up Guidelines	Ruth Givens	10/2/00
00-19	Dilantin Suspension	Ruth Givens	10/2/00
00-20	Reflux Disease-(GERD)	Ruth Givens	10/13/00

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